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**School\_Closed!\_ = 15 letters and spaces that repeat over and over.  $100/15 = 6 \text{ R}10$ . This means that the sign repeats School\_Closed!\_ 6 times and then prints the first 10 letters/spaces of “School\_Closed!\_” to make 100 symbols.**

- **The 100th symbol will be a letter.**
- **The letter “o” in Closed will be in the 100th place because this is the 10th symbol in “School\_Closed!\_.”**
- **I know the answer is correct because I had to figure out how many times School\_Closed!\_ would be printed using 100 symbols. First I figured out the School\_Closed!\_ is 15 letters/spaces, then I figured out how many times 15 goes into 100 and if there is a remainder. Since there was a remainder of 10, I know that the signboard printed the 10th symbol of “School\_Closed!\_” for the 100th letter.**

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## **ANSWER:**

**The signboard repeats School Closed! over and over.**

**School will be the 1st, 3rd, 5th... word.**

**Closed will be the 2nd, 4th, 6th...word.**

**This means that every odd-numbered word will be School and every even-numbered word will be Closed.**

**Since 1999 is an odd number, the 1999th word to be printed on the signboard will be “Closed.”**